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SUBJECT: WFTU PRESIDENT VISITS VENEZUELA

1. ENRIQUE PASTORINO, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU) VISITED CARACAS RECENTLY. PASTORINO WAS A GUEST OF THE SINGLE CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV) WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VENEZUELA (PCV). ACCORDING TO CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV) INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY MANEUL PENALVER, PASTORINO WENT TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO TRY TO ARRANGE A RECEPTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE CTV. THE ACCION DEMOCRATICA (AD) LEADERSHIP OF THE CTV REFUSED POINTBLANK TO RECEIVE PASTORINO WHO FINALLY SETTLED FOR A RUMP SESSION PRESIDED OVER BY MAXIMO ACUNA OF THE MOVIMIENTO ELECTORAL DEL PUEBLO (MEP), RAFAEL LEON LEON OF THE SOCIAL CHRISTIANS (COPEI) AND ONE OR TWO OTHER OPPOSITION PARTY LEADERS. THIS MEETING WAS NOT PUBLICIZED EVEN IN THE COMMUNIST PRESS APPARENTLY BECAUSE THE ABSENCE OF THE TOP LEADERSHIP OF AD WOULD HAVE MADE THE REBUFF PUBLIC.

2. PASTORINO'S COOL RECEPTION BY THE CTV WAS IN STRIKING CONTRAST WITH THE CORDIAL RECEPTION ACCORDED THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR BY THE ENTIRE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE CTV EARLIER THE SAME WEEK. THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT WAS WIDELY PUBLICIZED

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3. PASTORINO WAS RECEIVED BY MINISTER OF LABOR LEIDENZ ON AUG 19. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE LEADERS OF THE CUTV AND A THIRD-LEVEL EMPLOYEE OF THE CTV, MAGDALENA DE BECERRA, MEMBER OF THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE OF THE CTV.

4. COMMENT: PASTORINO'S VISIT DEMONSTRATED THE MULTI-PARTY NATURE OF THE CTV AS WELL AS UNDERLINING THE BASIC COMMITMENT OF THE AD LEADERSHIP TO THE ICFTU AND THE PRINCIPLES OF FREE AND DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONISM.  
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